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Applicant: Shade-O-Matic Ltd.

Serial No: n/a Continuation-In-Part application of 09/340,574 *L. Nelson #2 IDS 7-25-01*

Filed: June 28, 1999

Title: IN-LINE PLATE CUT DOWN APPARATUS

The Assistant Secretary
And Commissioner of
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The Patent Office
Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sir/Madam:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of candour and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and means of complying therewith according to 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, the information given below is called to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application.

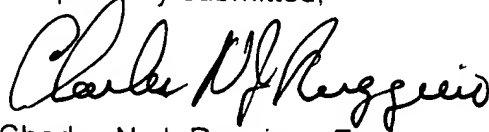
The following documents are cited for background interest:

U.S. Patent 5, 806, 394 The patent is believed not to be relevant to patentability. In the invention disclosed in the present application, the two blind cutting plates move side-by-side, with one blind cutting plate moving along a linear axis and the other blind cutting plate moving around an arcuate axis.

It is respectfully requested that the said items be considered and made of record in the prosecution and appear among the references cited on any patent issued from the application.

The above identified reference was either (1) cited by or (2) submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in priority application Serial No. 09/340,574 , filed June 28, 1999. Accordingly, a copy of said reference has not been submitted herewith. (37 C.F.R. §1.98(d)).

Respectfully submitted,



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